REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 12-13 are pending.

I. <u>Claim Amendments</u>

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating Claims 11-13 are allowable. Accordingly the features of Claim 11 have been added to Claim 1 and the remaining claims cancelled or amended consistent with the amendment to Claim 1.

II. <u>Conclusion</u>

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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